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SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIAR :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Central Road Traffic Board received a number of complaints from the applicants of the district? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Sir, the Government have made it absolutely clear that so far as the allotment of routes is concerned, all will be treated in the same manner, i.e., the fleet owners of the city, the small bus owners and others and each application will be decided on its merit and the best operator will be selected."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not a fact, Sir, that the fleet owners were encouraged during the Advisers' regime and the Congress Government that followed it changed the policy of the Government? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Yes, Sir, we have changed."

Sugar mills in the Province.

* 104 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of sugar mills in the Province; where they are ; what their capacity is ;

(*b*) whether the Government have received applications for permission to start new factories ;

(*c*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the names of the applicants with their addresses ;

(*d*) whether the Government propose to take shares in the new factories that may be started ; and

(*e*) whether the Government propose to start any sugar factories themselves?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) There are 14 sugar mills existing at present in this Province. The Government have permitted the starting of nine new sugar factories of a total cane crushing capacity of 4,700 tons and the expansion of three existing factories by 1,300 tons. A statement[a] showing the location of existing factories, their capacities and the expansion permitted and the location of new factories and their capacities is laid on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) A list showing the names of the applicants and their addresses is also placed on the table of the House.

" (*d*) *and* (*e*) A committee has been constituted to advice the Government on the nature and extent of control which should be exercised over industries. The Committee has submitted a preliminary report. The report has been published for eliciting public opinion."

SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI :—" Have the firms who were granted permission started construction work? "

a Printed as Appendix IV on pages 563-564 infra.

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I have no information on the point now."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" From the list, I see that the capacity of the mills varies from 450 tons to 600 tons; may I know if the Government are aware that 800 tons is the only economic unit? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would like to have notice."

Handlooms in the Bellary district.

* 105 Q.—SRI B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of handlooms in each of the main centres of handloom cloth production in Bellary district and the quota of yarn supplied to each centre during the years 1944, 1945 and 1946, and the half year ending with 30th June 1947;

(*b*) how many looms were actually worked and how many were bogus looms in each centre; that is, looms not worked but in respect of which yarn has been supplied;

(*c*) whether the authorities concerned have taken any action to find out the extent of bogus looms in each centre and if so, the result thereof;

(*d*) whether any action has been taken against the persons who took supplies of yarn in respect of bogus looms;

(*e*) whether the authorities concerned have taken any action to satisfy themselves that the necessary quantity of handloom cloth has been manufactured corresponding to the quantity of yarn supplied, and if so, whether the quantity of handloom cloth has been sold in the market; and if so, the quantity of handloom cloth manufactured and sold in the district during each of the years referred to in clause (*a*); and

(*f*) whether the authorities have taken necessary action in pursuance of Handloom Cloth Control Order; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Statements [a] showing the number of looms other than those in the co-operative societies in each of the centres in Bellary district and the quota of yarn supplied to each centre during the period from the 1st January to the 30th June 1947 have been placed on the table of the House. There are 2,226 looms in the co-operative fold. Information regarding the quota of yarn supplied to each centre during the years 1944, 1945 and 1946 is not avaialble.

" (*b*) It is a fact that there are many bogus looms in each centre but their exact number is not known.

" (*c*) The Collector and his subordinates make surprise inspections and detect bogus looms. The Presidents of the Yarn Advisory Committees also detect bogus looms. The local Yarn

[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 565–566 infra.